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Patrick Swayze flexes from beyond in 'Ghost'
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Quote of the day

"...Let's just picture a few hundred protrusive Canadian men strolling around in eensy-weensy gold lamee marble bags and being generally over-impressed with themselves."
—Columnist Scott Pruden
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World

Toll tops 1,600 in Luzon quake

MANILA, Philippines — Earthquake search teams reported finding more bodies today in remote mountain communities devastated by last week's tremor, and the death toll surpassed 1,600.

A quake measuring 6 on the Richter scale struck the central island of Negros early today but there were no reports of damage or casualties.

On Luzon island, President Corazon Aquino inspected damage in her home province, Tarlac, where numerous churches, schools and highways were damaged by the July 16 quake, which measured 7.7.

On Monday, she asked Congress to approve \$500 million to rebuild damaged areas. Many congressmen also want to stop paying the \$26 billion national debt to free funds for reconstruction.

Figures from the Office of Civil Defense and the Red Cross showed at least 1,621 people were killed in the quake.

Nation

Rates on treasury bills fall sharply

Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities fell in Monday's auction to their lowest level since last year.

The Treasury Department sold \$9 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 7.49 percent, down from 7.62 percent last week. Another \$9 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 7.40 percent, down from 7.52 percent last week.

The rates were the lowest since three-month bills sold for 7.37 percent on Oct. 16, 1989, and six-month bills averaged 7.30 percent on Dec. 4, 1989.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 7.74 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,810.70 and 7.79 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,625.90.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, fell to 7.87 percent last week.

State

Democrats line up for House seat

Several Lowcountry Democrats, including one member of the House of Representatives, may be candidates for a soon-to-be vacated state Senate seat.

Sen. Peden McLeod, D-Walterboro, will step down Oct. 1 to head the Legislative Council, the General Assembly's research and bill-drafting arm.

Democrats lined up to run for McLeod's vacant seat in the Nov. 6 election include state Rep. McKinley Washington Jr. of Ravenel; Raleigh Williams, a minister and general contractor from Walterboro; and Willard Wilson, vice chairman of the Hampton County Council. The council's chairman, Lee Bowers, said he is also considering running for the seat.

McLeod admitted that one of the reasons he vacated the seat was the possibility he might not win in 1992, when the district's boundaries are redrawn. A majority of the current district's voters are black, and many legislators speculate the district will include more blacks after 1992. McLeod is white.

S.C. state senator spent campaign money on ring, tickets

By The Associated Press

State Sen. Rick Lee of Boiling Springs, who has reported taking \$3,000 from a lobbyist at the heart of a federal investigation of legislators, spent some of his campaign money this year on a ring and football tickets, records show.

Between April and June of this year, Lee's campaign fund bought a \$453 Senate finger ring, about \$200 in wedding and graduation gifts, and nearly \$500 in tickets to University of South Carolina and Clemson football games, the Senate records showed.

Lee denied he turned campaign funds to personal use.

"There's a fine line between personal use and campaign use," he said. "I have felt like I have had a lot of expense thrust upon me by being a public official that I would not have had otherwise."

The same records show that Lee accepted a \$3,000 cash contribution in May from Ron L. Cobb, a lobbyist at the center of a federal investigation of a vote-buying probe aimed at General Assembly members.

Cobb told lawmakers he was advocating

legislation that would have allowed pari-mutuel betting. Lee tried to get the bill on the Senate floor in May, shortly after getting the contribution from Cobb.

Lee denied the money was in exchange for his efforts, noting he was a long-time supporter of the bill. But he's said he showed "poor judgment" in pushing the bill so soon after receiving the money.

The senator said he was raising money to pay off a \$15,000 campaign debt, which he said is now \$6,000.

Though Lee said just about "anything

you do" is campaign-related when a lawmaker communicates with constituents, some fellow legislators said the expenditures seemed unusual.

"I have a problem with that. I'd have a hard time buying a ring for me with campaign funds," said Rep. Ralph Davenport, R-Boiling Springs, who has had a long feud with Lee and has said he will run for his seat in 1992.

"It's up to the individual what he does with it, but I don't believe contributions ought to be expended for that purpose," Sen. Horace Smith, D-Spartanburg, said.



Nick Leoncavallo/The Gamecock

Merchant mecca

A custodial crew sprays and sweeps the parking lot of the new Columbiana Centre, which opens today.

Record seller charged with promoting obscenity

From staff and wire reports

A record store owner who refused to stop selling a controversial 2 Live Crew album pleaded innocent today to a charge of promoting obscene material.

David Risher, owner of Hog Wild Records and Tapes, was released on a personal recognizance bond after a hearing before County Court-At-Law Judge Tony Jimenez III.

"Your tax money at work," Risher said as he was ushered off to be fingerprinted and booked.

Risher's attorney said he intends to show in a jury trial that the album "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" is not obscene.

"After listening to the album, most of the four-letter words are standard locker room talk," defense attorney Bob Switzer said.

Risher was charged with the Class A misdemeanor last month after a citizen complaint was filed against him for selling the album.

The complaint followed a crackdown by the San Antonio police vice squad. Officers went to record stores around the city and told store operators the album had been declared obscene by a Florida judge. The officers also showed the store operators copies of the album's lyrics.

Many record stores pulled the albums from their shelves. But Risher refused. If convicted, he could face up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

Richland County Solicitor Jim Anders has declared the album obscene and has forbidden county record stores to sell it. A group called Individuals Against Censorship held a rally July 13 protested that measure.

USC to allow M.C. Hammer concert to take place in coliseum

From staff and wire reports

Carolina Coliseum has scheduled M.C. Hammer in concert October 6 as a result of a meeting Monday, July 9, between coliseum officials, African American community leaders and law enforcement representatives.

"We did not come up with absolute solutions to our crowd control concerns on Monday," said coliseum director John Bolin.

lin, "but we felt it important to demonstrate the commitment of this committee to the process of finding answers by scheduling this event.

"Productive dialogue on the issue of crowd control and safety requires that we get beyond the issue of presenting the concert. We hope by agreeing to do the show, we can foster communication and a spirit of cooperation. We think that's where a solu-

tion starts," Bolin said.

Coliseum officials intend to continue discussions with community and law enforcement leaders. A meeting with an advisory committee drawn from the participants at Monday's meeting will be scheduled in mid-July.

In the meantime, Bolin said, coliseum security procedures will be examined and

modified to increase the presence of adults and uniformed security officers.

Special attention will be paid to improving the coliseum's metal detecting capacity and to securing the parking lots and the concourse of the building. Officials also are considering modification of admission procedures to restrict access on the concourse while increasing security officials present.

USC group to host international AIDS conference in Puerto Rico

From staff and wire reports

From the "joy of latex" to new theories on how AIDS is invading the Latino community, health professionals from around the world will present the latest information on the fight against AIDS during the fourth International Conference on AIDS Education August 6-8 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Sponsored by the International Society for AIDS Education, this year's conference will focus on the AIDS prevention message to women, adolescents and the Latino popu-

lation, the groups whose HIV infection rates are rising rapidly.

"Education and prevention continue to be the best weapons we have against stopping the spread of AIDS," said conference director Dr. Donna Richter, assistant dean of the University of South Carolina's College of Health and president of the AIDS education society, based at USC.

The conference is expected to draw some 500 health professionals, including social workers, physicians and health educators.

"The Joy of Latex," an innovative safe sex presentation, will be led by Meg Bennett, director of HIV Testing and Counseling at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington D.C. Bennett uses a healthy dose of humor, as well as realistic teaching devices, to demonstrate the correct use of condoms.

"The 'just say no' message doesn't work with sex," Bennett said. "You have to give people some kind of option, and the condom is one of the safest, most effective methods to prevent the spread of AIDS."

Steps taken to stop lost phone lines

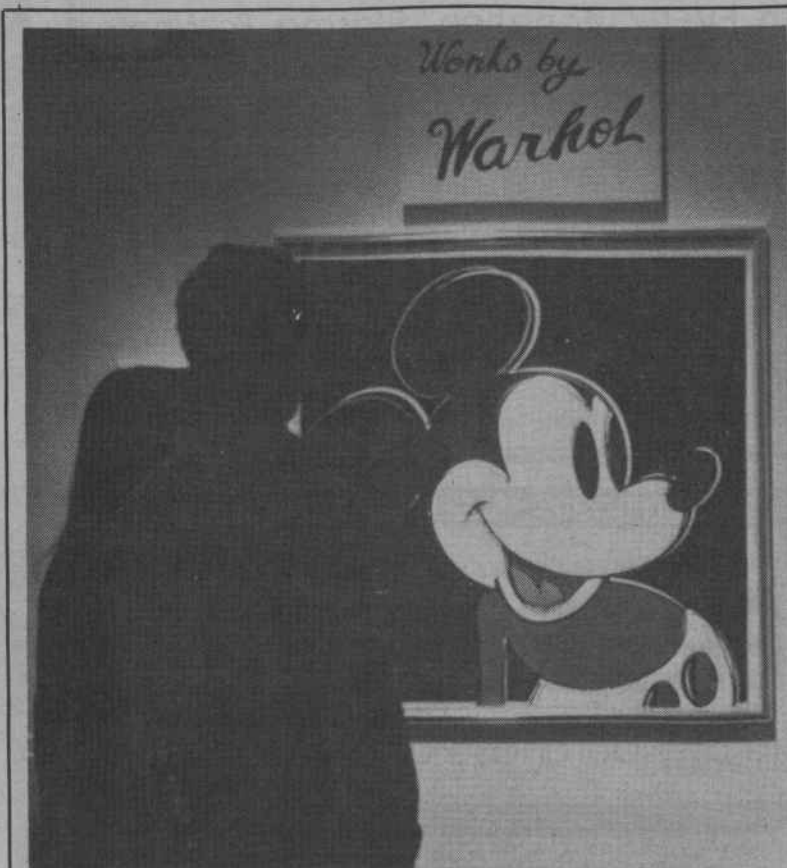
By The Associated Press

The state has begun setting up a fiber optic emergency telephone network to prevent the kind of communications breakdown that occurred when Hurricane Hugo knocked down telephone lines and damaged other equipment.

The new system will be able to avoid many of the problems experienced after Hugo, which devastated the coast in September, by rerouting calls to unaffected areas through fiber optic technology, said Ted Lightle, the state's director of the division of information resource management.

"I don't think any other state in the nation has one quite this sophisticated," he said.

The system, called Partners in Preparedness, is being paid for by the state's telephone and utility companies. Through a network of primary and backup systems, emergency rerouting automatically would occur if something happens to interrupt service.



Pop art

Business majors Cathy Cate and Chris Sercy ponder the socio-political significance of Mickey Mouse in this Andy Warhol screen print. The exhibit "Works by Warhol" will be on display at the South Carolina State Art Museum until August 25.

Lou Mazur/The Gamecock

Common interests can lead to more sex, sociologist says

By The Associated Press

Couples who have violent relationships, common interests or several children tend to have sex more often than other couples, a sociologist says.

Next to youth, shared interests were the greatest indicator of sexual frequency in a marriage, said the University of Florida researcher who based the study on a nationwide survey of 5,292 married couples.

"Whether it's something as simple as taking walks together or enjoying the same hobbies, sharing activities outside the bedroom is a big predictor of how often married couples have sex," sociologist Denise Donnelly said Monday.

Ms. Donnelly said she found that partners in violent marriages had sexual relations more often than other couples.

"People in these marriages may have intercourse more because of a honeymoon period that follows each outbreak of violence," she said. "These couples may not only fight with a passion, but make up with a passion as well."

Another explanation might be that people who are physically expressive in showing their anger might be physically expressive in other areas of their lives, including their sexual relationships, she said.

Ms. Donnelly also found that people who lived together before marriage had more active sex lives than couples who didn't.

"Since these people are more individualistic and less prone to follow society's expectations, they may also be less likely to have 'normal' levels of coital frequency," she said.

Income, education, race and place of residence had no bearing on how often a couple had sex, she said.

But, contrary to other studies, she found that couples with more children led the most active love lives.

Not surprisingly, she said, couples with school-aged children said they had sex more often than did those with younger children.

"That is because preschoolers need more care and tend to intrude more," she said.